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Pioneer Bronze growers and exhibitors in the Northwest are Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, of Radium, Minnesota, whose fine quality birds have captured many excellent wins. Especially in the dressed exhibits are the Allen Bronze superior and they have captured Grand Champion at the All-American several times. The above scene is from their 1940 fall flock.

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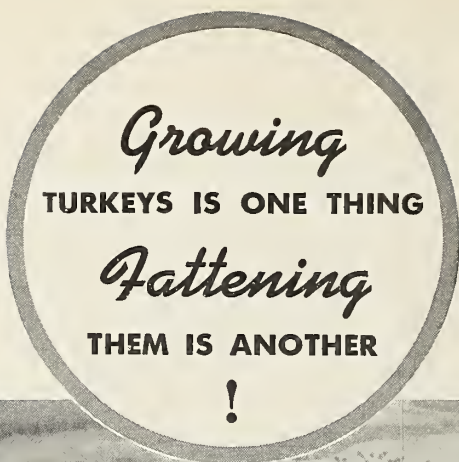
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THE SHOW SEASON APPROACHES

Exhibiting at shows, contacts of breeders, exhibitors and the patterns set in the showroom have been a great factor always, in establishing types and colors in all branches of live stock breed standards. Directly, the decisions of judges have had much weight in standard making, but indirectly the consensus of opinion of exhibitors and breeders has been the real deciding factor. The makers go direct to the breeder rather than to the judge to ascertain what is wanted by breeders of the different breeds and this often includes judges who are also breeders or who from much experience can satisfactorily interpret and put in form the ideas and desires of the breeder.

A review of standard making from first to last will reveal this to be the case, and no one will question but that is as it should be. In this way only can a standard be made to fit the breed. Trying to breed to an unnatural standard has caused many a headache for poultry breeders, including turkeys. At this season of the year it is timely that methods of judging at turkey shows be discussed. Some of the judging is sure to be "cussed" later.

But even in the matter of placing the awards the exhibitor has much to do with it through his assent to or his manifested displeasure with certain awards. It is true the competent judge follows his interpretation of the Standard consistently, but it is also true that the interpretation the exhibitor and breeder has, in general, placed on breed qualities, as well as on the Standard, has had much to do with forming his interpretations. Where there is general and consistent objection of a certain color defect on the part of exhibitors, judges are quite likely to give inflated value to such defect regardless of the value the scale of points may attach to it. In this he is not only human but in so doing he respects the judgment of exhibitors.

As an illustration take the rather common defect of gray barring at the base of main tail in the Bronze turkey. How often has one of the best birds in the class been sent off the judging table as quickly as the judge spread the tail and discovered the defect, usually without referring to his notes to see how well the bird had checked on type or taken note of other outstanding qualities. The barring might have extended not more than an inch on the feathers when it could have extended eight or ten inches, or past the end of greater coverts to have amounted to a disqualification and the greatest extent, less than to disqualify, the Standard specifies as a two-point cut. A proportionate cut could not consistently have been more than a half point.

On the same bird a different color defect, deserving a point or more penalty cut often passes with little comment, even though the latter be a surface defect to mar the beauty of the bird while the former is "undercolor" never seen except when carefully searched for. In such a case the judge cannot defend his application of the Standard, but surely his favor with the average Bronze exhibitor would be at a hazard.

The dark key feather is another parallel example; neither are very important and neither affects the real value of the bird from any reasonable standpoint. This specific example is here referred to, to show to what extent the popular opinion of exhibitors and breeders can, and do, frequently affect awards. It is, therefore, up to the exhibitor at the show to be more critical regarding defects in the more practical breed characteristics and less critical of the less important color defects.

It has become evident to the careful observer that since the advent of the dressed bird exhibit at the shows, and since judges have more frequently discussed these matters with exhibitors, the latter have become more tolerant of such color defects. If

every exhibitor and breeder of turkeys made a careful study of the scale of points contained in the 1940 issue of the Standard of Perfection and apply reasoning to penalizing for the various defects, it would be found, even by the "utility" breeder that our present Standard portrays the most practical all around specimen of turkey any one could ask for or hope to obtain.

Observations Along the Way

Next in value to one's own experiences in turkey raising are lessons secured through casual observations made in visiting turkey farms and talking with flock owners.

To begin with, one needs only a casual look about the place, and about the turkey runs in particular, to be able to appraise the business management practiced by the owner and to the importance he places on sanitation. While there are exceptions to every rule, we would be willing to invest in stock in the average turkey growing project in proportion to our first impression of the place. Neat, serviceable fences, well arranged yards, convenience in care of the flock, tell the story quite accurately.

The turkeys themselves quickly reflect the disposition and habits of the caretaker. If he is quick tempered, quick of action and of nervous temperament the turkeys are wild, hard to confine, and harder to catch. If the turkeys seem curious to make your acquaintance, gobble at you and strut about your feet, the caretaker is a kindly, friendly fellow whom you will enjoy knowing. He also gets more pounds on the flock with a given amount of feed.

Observations about roosts: Some advocate having the roosts only 3 feet off the ground and a runway or sort of ladder for the turkey to ascend on. Whoever has such an idea is an extreme novice or else it applies to some new type of turkey with which we are not familiar. We would never place the roosts less than 5 feet off the ground and higher if convenient to do so, and don't bother about the ladder; nor need you fear of the birds getting "bumble foot" from alighting from the roosts. The turkey carries a perfect parachute right with him.

And about the kind of roosts: from careful observations, we are strong for the round pole roosts; in size from 2½ to 3½ inches. Flat roosts, of whatever width with square edges, make dented breast bones, worse on hens than on toms. There is a reason for this. The hen with smaller feet has to pull herself forward in order to clutch the roost

with her toes and in so doing brings her breast bone in direct contact with the corner of the square edged roost. Where pole roosts are used, we find far less defective keels.

There is a general belief there will be fewer real early poults hatched from now on. The reason, there is not a sufficient demand for fresh dressed turkey in September and it costs too much to carry market turkeys far beyond 26 weeks of age to make them profitable, and besides, there are always enough turkeys in cold storage at that time of the year to take care of demands and they should be disposed of before the new crop comes on.

1940 CROP SLIGHTLY LARGER (From October Poultry Digest)

A record-breaking turkey crop for 1940 is indicated by farm holdings on September 1, says a U. S. D. A. news release. An increase from 32,732,000 birds in 1939 to 33,138,000 in 1940 puts this year's production 1 per cent over that of 1939 and more than 10,000,000 birds over the 1932-36 average of 23,081,000. Some of this year's supply is made up of heavy toms and hens held over from last winter because of low prices prevailing since December, 1939.

Hatchery production of poults decreased by 16 per cent in 1940, but home hatching increased enough to compensate for the drop in commercially-hatched poults.

Growers expect to market their turkeys much earlier this year than last, with October marketings indicated as being about 12 per cent of the season's total. November sales are expected to run about 45 per cent of the total production, as compared to 39 per cent last year. Weights of both toms and hens are expected to increase slightly this year, with hens averaging 12.0 pounds, one-tenth pound over last year's average, and toms increasing two-tenths of a pound to run about 18.1 pounds.

Cold storage holdings on September 1 were reported as 21,116,000 pounds, compared to 9,994,000 pounds a year ago. The holdings are almost entirely heavy toms.

Indicated Number of Turkeys Raised in 1940, by Regions,
Compared with Numbers in Past Years.

Geographic Divisions	Average 1932-36	Number Raised			Number on hand Sept. 1, 1940 % of 1939	Indicated Number Raised in 1940
		1937	1938	1939		
		Thousands			Per Cent	Thousands
North Atlantic.....	1,222	1,539	1,661	2,072	98	2,041
East North Central.....	2,005	2,450	2,692	3,370	111	3,743
West North Central.....	6,480	6,975	7,829	10,225	104	10,622
South Atlantic.....	2,090	2,249	2,166	2,548	103	2,624
South Central.....	6,123	6,315	5,869	6,670	94	6,299
Western.....	5,161	6,099	6,062	7,847	99	7,809
United States.....	23,081	25,627	26,279	32,732	101.2	33,138

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The Texas State Fair, October 5-20, 1940, at Dallas, listed another fine turkey exhibit in this reat turkey state. Under the able direction of Walter Burton, as superintendent, the turkey department at the Texas fair has been one of the outstanding turkey exhibitions in the southwest and the 1940 show was no exception. Mrs. W. T. Hall, of Denton, with her nationally known flock of Blacks, and a pioneer exhibitor at this event, again was on hand this year, as were such other well know growers as: Levi B. Churchill, Mrs. R. F. Heckert, J. R. Sloan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler, and many others.

With 244 birds comprising the show, every breed was represented and several new exhibitors were present. Judge P. M. Pierce, of Denver, Colorado, judged all classes. Breeders from all sections of the state watched the judging with interest and discussed their problems with the judge and with one another. This is a well managed show, with excellent housing and cooping facilities and by its steady growth promises to be one of the better turkey shows in the future.

The Grand Champion of the show was a yearling Black tom owned by Mrs. W. T. Hall of Denton, Texas. This was a splendid bird of wonderful type and balance. Reserve Champion went to a yearling Bronze tom shown by Mr. and Mrs. George C. Fowler of Hoberg, Mo.

The awards:

The Awards BRONZE

Adult Tom: W. A. Hardy, Sherman, Texas, 1st; George C. Fowler, Hoberg, Mo., 2nd.

Adult Hen: George C. Fowler 1st.

Yearling Tom: George C. Fowler, 1st; W. H. Arnold, Victoria, Texas, 2nd.

Yearling Hen: George Fowler 1st; W. H. Arnold 2nd.

Young Tom: George Fowler 1-2-3-4.

Young Hen: George Fowler 1-2.

Champion Bronze: George Fowler, on yearling tom.

BLACK

Adult Tom: Mrs. W. T. Hall, Denton, Texas, 1-2-3-5; Navarro Farm, Wortham, Texas, 4th.

Adult Hen: Mrs. Hall 1-3-5; Navarro Farm 2-4.

Yearling Tom: Mrs. Hall 1-2-3-5; Navarro Farm 4th.

Yearling Hen: Navarro Farm 1-5; Mrs. Hall 2-3-4.

Young Tom: Mrs. Hall 1-2-4-5; Navarro Farm 3rd.

Young Hen: Mrs. Hall 1-2-3; Navarro Farm 4-5.

NARRAGANSETT

All awards to W. A. Hardy, Sherman, Tex.

WHITE HOLLAND

All awards to Larkin Farm, Dallas, Texas.

BOURBON RED

All awards to Mrs. R. E. Heckert, Fort Worth, Texas.

SLATE

All awards to Sloan Turkey Ranch, Jermyn, Texas,

RAINBOW, or ROYAL PALM

All awards to Mrs. W. F. Salt, Fort Worth, Texas.

BROAD BREAST

Competition was keener in these classes than any other and the method of judging so different from the standard breeds that much attention and interest was shown throughout. Mr. and Mrs. Levi B. Churchill of Muleshoe, Texas, had the champion of the breed in a young hen that was indeed a splendid specimen. Other awards were as follows:

Adult Tom: Levi B. Churchill 1st; Dieterich Certified Farms, Garland, Texas, 2-3.

Adult Hen: Peter Barbican, Kress, Texas, 1st; A. J. Quinn, Bowie, Texas, 2nd; Levi B. Churchill 3rd, Dieterich Farms 4-5.

Yearling Tom: Levi B. Churchill 1-3; L. B. Hollingsworth, Childress, Texas, 2nd; Dieterich Farms 4th; Peter Barbican 5th.

Yearling Hen: Dr. Lee Hudson, Dallas, Texas, 1st; Levi B. Churchill 2nd; Peter Barbican 3rd; Sand Springs Farm, Sand Springs, Okla., 4th; W. A. Painter, Plainview, Texas, 5th.

Young Tom: Levi B. Churchill 1st; D. S. Battey, Floydada, Texas, 2nd; Sand Springs Farm 3-4; Dieterich Farms 5th.

Young Hen: Levi B. Churchill 1-4; D. S. Battey 2-3; L. B. Hollingsworth 5th.

CHAMPION TURKEYS

Grand Champion Turkey: Mrs. W. T. Hall.
Best Display Broad Breasted Turkeys: Levi B. Churchill 1st; Dieterich Farms 2nd; D. S. Battey 3rd.

Champion Broad Breasted Turkey: Levi B. Churchill.

Best Display on Standard Bred Turkeys: Mrs. W. T. Hall 1st; Mrs. R. E. Heckert 2nd; J. R. Sloan, Jr., 3rd.

Best Group Standard Bred Turkeys: Mrs. W. T. Hall 1st; Mrs. R. E. Heckert 2nd; J. R. Sloan, Jr., 3rd; Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Fowler 4th.

THE MARKET

Cold storage holdings as of October 1st were as follows:

Oct. 1, 1940	Oct. 1, 1939	5-Year Average
15,344,000	7,994,000	6,248,000

The movement out of cold storage during the month of September was as follows:

Sept. 1940	Sept. 1939	5-Year Average
—5,746,000	—2,000,000	—2,754,000

The New York market on October 14th quoted Prime Young Toms, 12-20 lbs. 19½¢; over 20 lbs. 19¢. Prime young hens 8-12 lbs. 24½¢; 12-14 lbs. 23½¢. Choice birds were about 2¢ less.

Boston Show Features Turkeys

Turkeys will feature the big entrance hall to the 92nd Boston Poultry Show in the Boston Garden, January 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19th.

Last year the beautiful entrance, always an attraction at Boston, was "Bantamland" and "International Poultry Pageant." This year the big turkey industry will be featured as is fitting for any show held in New England.

Cooperating with the New England Turkey Producers Association, under the direction of Archie Mackie, its efficient secretary, the spacious vestibule will display turkeys and the turkey industry.

Flocks of eight different varieties of turkeys will appear on each side in their natural environment of country woodland background and down the center will be displayed "the end of all good turkeys" in a competitive exhibit of dressed turkey in attractive refrigerated show cases. Paul Ives, 39 Church Street, New Haven, Conn., is chairman of the Boston Show.

CANADIAN DRESSED SHOW

The Annual Dressed Poultry Show, at Saskatoon, Sask., will be held this year December 10-11, 1940, according to word received from Sid. W. Johns, secretary-manager, Saskatoon.

The premium list, already mailed to prospective exhibitors, lists in the dressed fowl classes the following turkey awards: Turkey, female of 1940, cash prices for placings from 1st to 7th; Turkey, male, of 1940, with same awards; Six turkey males, of 1940; Six turkeys, females, of 1940; Six turkeys, young hens, Grade "A," to comply with government regulations. On these latter classes the cash awards run from 1st to 12th, with first money \$10, 2nd \$8, 3rd \$7, on down to \$1 for 10th to 12th placings. Entries close December 4th.

Shelton Wins in Western Shows

Shelton's Turkey Farm, at Pomona, California, made some fine wins with their nationally known Bronze at California fairs early in September.

At the California State Fair they won: Bronze, Old Tom 1-2-3; Yearling Tom 1-2-3; Young Tom 1-2-3; Old Hen 1-2; Yearling Hen 1-3; Young Hen 1-2-3. Blacks: Yearling Tom 1st; Young Tom 1-2-3; Young Hen 1-2-3.

In the Broad Breast class out of six entries they won Young Tom 4-5; Young Hen 2-3; Yearling Hen 2nd.

At the Los Angeles County Fair with a new string of birds the Shelton flock won not less than 1st and 2nd in all of the Bronze classes. In the Blacks they won not less than 1st on all Tom classes, White Hollands 1st in all classes, Bourbon Red Yearling Tom 1st, Young Tom 1-2-3, and Young Hen 1-2-3.

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One of the greatest pleasures the fall season brings to me comes from making the rounds of standard turkey breeders for A. P. A. Flock Inspection and banding. Time available and the short season in which banding has to be done limits the number of flocks one can band and likewise the number of flock owners one can call on, but as far as I can get, it is a round of pleasure and satisfaction mixed with rather strenuous work.

From one to three flocks a day, depending on size of flocks and proximity to each other, is the average program, but banding day is often made a neighborhood occasion when several flock owners in the vicinity get together to help and to visit. As one puts it: "We look ahead the whole year to when you are coming to band our turkeys, and to note the progress we have made."

It is the opportunity for the annual visit with the breeders in their own homes, and to check up on the progress for improvement they have made through the banding work which affords both pleasure and satisfaction. Then, too, to travel over the country at this, the finest season of the year, with crisp and delightful autumn atmosphere and the indescribable beauty of the autumn forests, often skirting crystal clear lakes or edging winding streams, gives the lover of nature a thrill it would be difficult to duplicate.

But readers of this page will be more interested in hearing about their fellow breeders I have recently called on and something about their turkey crop this season, so I will proceed to tell of my ramblings to date this is written, Oct. 26th.

It was on Oct. 3rd when I started on my A. P. A. banding schedules this season and fortunately my first trip took me into northern Minnesota and into the state's central lake region just at a time when autumn forest colors were at their best, and when even the country roads were in fine condition. It was truly an instance when labor combined with delightful pleasure.

The first flock banded was that of J. A. Gutzler, breeder of Bronze of extra fine market type. He has been growing turkeys of this type for many years and has noted much improvement, since he began A. P. A. banding four years ago, particularly uniformity of size and type. He raises from 600 to 800 a year. His farm is at Park Rapids.

Other flocks banded in that vicinity were:

Lingley, Narragansetts; Mrs. Finch, Bronze; Perry Cloud, Bronze, and Abe Thompson, Bronze and Narragansetts. All of these flocks showed considerable quality in both type and color, due, as I learned, to securing foundation stock from flocks which have been carefully selected and bred for years.

My schedule from Park Rapids took me farther north, convenient to routing through the Itasca State Park, through towering pines, forests of white birch and past beautiful Lake Itasca and across the "father of waters" at its very source, where one can easily step from bank to bank. At Bagley, I struck the main highway between Duluth and Grand Forks and one not familiar with that route would be much surprised to see such a rich, well developed farming area in that section of Minnesota, and for turkey raising, one of the best.

A few miles out of Crookston is situated the well known Narragansett flock where I always find top quality and plenty of it, and this year was no exception to the rule. I always band over 300 excellent breeding and show birds of fine market type at this farm. Within the city limits of Crookston is the home and farm of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Norrie, breeders of Narragansetts. The turkey project here is strictly Mrs. Norrie's although Mr. Norrie is much interested in its success and lends a helping hand at banding time and on other occasions requiring a strong arm. The advancement made in this flock since I first handled it five years ago has been truly great. Always staunch for the best in market type Mrs. Norrie soon learned that that meant better standard type, and with it she has improved the color until there are now many birds in her flock of sufficient quality to successfully compete with the best. Mrs. Norrie keeps 200 breeding hens, operates her own electric incubator and sells thousands of poults each season besides raising from 1,000 to 1,500 for market.

Next on schedule was the Narragansett flock of Olof Omdahl, near Warren. Mr. Omdahl is among the newer breeders of good Narragansett turkeys and raises only a few hundred annually, but he is satisfied with only the best as his show winnings prove.

My next stop was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Radium, who have one of the best combination market and show quality Bronze flocks to be found anywhere. The Allen's have always rated market type of greatest importance, just as the Standard

of Perfection does, and have not found it necessary to depart from the standard turkey to achieve a record of grand champion and display winning in dressed bird shows while making excellent winnings from the same breeding in the best of live classes. They have a large demand for breeding birds and this year have, unquestionably, the best they have produced.

From Allen's I trekked on through Thief River Falls to the Bronze flock of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Paquin at Oklee. Here I always find a fine flock of well-above-the-average of all-around good quality, and people who really like their turkeys. I regretted to learn that Mrs. Paquin was at a hospital recovering from an operation. The next stop was a non-standard flock of the smaller type broad breast near Erskine. Here I was able to select a uniform lot of good market type but not better than in practically all the flocks before mentioned. In color there was neither uniformity nor beauty.

Near McIntosh, my next stop, I found a very good flock of Bronze at the Yergen's farm where I have now banded the third season with much satisfaction over improvement noted. Young Mr. Stewart Yergens, the owner of the flock, is a very practical fellow as reflected in the quality of his turkeys and the way they are managed. Miss Nathalie Rane, whose address is McIntosh, but who, with three brothers, owns a fine farm near Winger, is the proud owner of a splendid flock of Bronze she has carefully improved through A. P. A. banding and by way of securing some of the better breeding stock to add new blood as needed. This was the fourth year I have banded this flock and I do not recall another instance in my banding experience where greater improvement has been made or where greater enthusiasm exists. My first schedule concluded with this flock.—To be continued next month.

Laying Young hens exposed to artificial lighting from 4:00 A. M. until daylight, beginning the first week in February, produced to June 1st an average of 50 eggs. Laying Young hens not exposed to artificial light averaged 39 eggs.

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By MRS. I. E. SHISLER, Secretary

Wednesday morning early, October 9th, a long string of cars loaded with eager, enthusiastic people left the Aitkin County Court House headed by County Agent A. R. Rollin and Dr. W. A. Billings, Extension Veterinarian of the Agricultural College at St. Paul, with sirens echoing far and wide on the fresh morning air.

The caravan wended its way north over the Father of Waters to the following turkey growers: Sam Davis, R. G. Kidder, Mrs. Blanch Woodcock, Ed Ronhausen, A. W. Hoffman and R. C. Williams returning to Aitkin for the noon hour, where all had an opportunity to see what outstanding eating places Aitkin has, whole groups freely "talked turkey."

In the afternoon the tour visited the following flocks: Claud Wright Turkey Farm, Shisler's Sheep and Turkey Farm, Will Ullman, Frank Ziske, where cookies and coffee were served to a most appreciative group, Emil Anderson, Henning Johnson and Geo. Laukkanen.

The trees were arrayed in the choicest colors; many quiet, peaceful lakes were skirted, while ducks flew upward; the day was perfect, as we drove miles over greatly improved roads.

Flocks ranged in size from 700 to 15,000. A total of 60,000 turkeys were visited. The Bronze turkey is raised almost exclusively, with the exception of two Narragansett flocks.

The Dr. Billings method of raising turkeys was first given out by the Extension Division of the Agricultural College at St. Paul in 1927. Aitkin County was the first county to adopt this new sanitary method of turkey production. That year Mrs. Claud Wright, Mrs. I. E. Shisler and Mrs. Sam Davis followed this new method. It proved so successful that others rapidly followed in their footsteps, until today turkey production is one of the major industries in Aitkin County, bringing yearly into our county close to a half million dollars.

The turkeys are hatched in incubators, brooded in brooder houses, moved often for proper sanitation, yarded continually on alfalfa, clover and rape pastures, with a constant supply of mash, grain and water before them. This cool northern climate produces a very high quality turkey which commands a premium on any market in the

land. Many carloads are shipped to the largest Eastern markets yearly.

In the evening a turkey banquet seating 350 guests was served by the Catholic Ladies in the Aitkin armory, with an abundance of delicious brown, roasted turkey with "all the trimmings." The rutabaga had a prominent place on the menu, as it is a leading product of this northern part of the United States.

County Agent A. R. Rollin Acted as toastmaster. Paul E. Miller, head of the Agricultural Extension Department at St. Paul Agricultural College, Dr. W. A. Billings and Al Smeby, editor of "Markets" at South St. Paul, gave interesting discourses. The Little German Band, directed by Ward Wakefield, did a masterful musical job throughout the evening.

The highlight of the banquet was the crowning of Elaine Aase, Farm Bureau candidate, as 1940 Turkey Queen by Superintendent L. C. Murray of the Aitkin Public School. Caroline Dotzler, D.A.V. candidate, placed second, and Adele Ackerman, Royal Order of Moose candidate, placed third.

The "up and coming" Aitkin Lion's Club sponsored the Turkey Queen event, giving prizes as follows: 1st \$10.00, 2nd \$5.00, 3rd \$2.50. A quality turkey was donated as a door prize by Mrs. R. G. Kidder, and was won by John Johansen of Anoka, Minn.

Guests included: Mrs. John Wolf, Mrs. A. V. Sullivan, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Severson, Battle Lake, Minn.; Axel Hanson, manager of Murphy farms, Battle Lake, Mrs. Alex Johnson, Battle Lake; Mrs. A. M. Carlson, Henning, Minn.; G. A. Amundson, Staples; Gene Renweiler, Foley; Jack Fox, Bill Fox, Princeton; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ranelius, Hastings; Jack Seckser, representative of Semi-Solid Buttermilk, Minneapolis; Harold Johnson, Stan Nelson, representative Northrup King & Co., Minneapolis; A. J. Rodewault, representative of Gold Medal Co., Brainerd; Clarence Froehle, representative of Litchfield Produce Co., Litchfield, Minn.; John Coleman, representative of Severson Produce Co., Aitkin; Mr. and Mrs. Churchwood, Minneapolis;

Vern Larr, manager Farm Service, Aitkin; John Johansen, Anoka; Gilbert Scherber, Charley Scherber, Alfred Henry, Rogers, Minn.; Elmer Wafensmith, Helen Benon, Deerwood; Edw. Johnson, Lester Duesler,

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Collins, Aitkin; Vena Nielsen, Aitkin; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ronhausen, Mr. and Mrs. Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Shisler, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wright, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Laukkanen, Mrs. Sam Davis, A. W. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Henning Johnson, Mrs. W. Ulman, Aitkin; Mrs. Blanch Woodcock, Ole Anderson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kidder, Palisade, Minn.

Officers of Aitkin Turkey Association, Inc.: President, A. W. Hoffman; Vice President, Geo. Laukkanen; Secretary, Mrs. I. E. Shisler; Treasurer, Henning Johnson — all of Aitkin, Minn.

Committee in charge of tour and banquet, ably assisted by County Agent A. R. Rollins: Mrs. Blanch Woodcock, Mrs. I. E. Shisler, Geo. Laukkanen.

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ANNUAL DUES: Turkey Growers and Hatcherymen, \$1.00 per 1000 market birds sold; 50c per 1000 poults sold and 12½c per 1000 hatching eggs sold. Minimum dues \$1.00 per year. Local and Regional Turkey Associations, and Commercial Organizations and Individuals drawing direct or indirect income from the industry, dues are \$10.00 per year. Write for further information if in doubt on your proper classification.

THE NATIONAL TURKEY FEDERATION

M. C. Small, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Mount Morris, Illinois

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TURKEY SHOW DATES

- Nov. 7-8-9, 1940 — **CENTRAL MISSOURI TURKEY SHOW**, Richland, Missouri. Hellis B. Franks, Manager, Richland.
- Nov. 9-16, 1940—**AMERICAN ROYAL TURKEY SHOW**, Kansas City, Missouri. T. W. Noland, Secretary, Mountain Grove, Mo.
- Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 1940—**CENTRAL STATES POULTRY SHOW**, Newcastle, Indiana. W. L. Dickens, Secretary, Newcastle.
- Dec. 2-5, 1940 — **DENVER POULTRY EXPOSITION**, Denver, Colorado. P. M. Pierce, General Manager, Route 2, Box 26, Denver.
- Dec. 6-7-8, 1940 — **NORTHWEST TURKEY SHOW**, St. Paul, Minnesota. Geo. J. Reinhardt, Sec'y, 1607 N. Snelling Ave., Route 3, St. Paul, Minn.
- Dec. 10-14, 1940—**NORTH DAKOTA STATE TURKEY SHOW**, Minot, North Dakota. Bert E. Stewart, Secretary, Minot.
- Dec. 10-14, 1940—**NORTHWESTERN TURKEY SHOW**, Oakland, Oregon. E. G. Young, Manager, Oakland.
- Dec. 11-14, 1940 — **ALL-SOUTHERN TURKEY SHOW**, Lexington, Kentucky. Ralph Lusby, President and Manager, Owenton, Ky.
- Dec. 10-14, 1940 — **NORTHERN STATES TURKEY SHOW**, Alexandria, Minnesota. Holger Hanson, Secretary, Alexandria.
- Jan. 20-25, 1941—**18th ANNUAL ALL-AMERICAN TURKEY SHOW**, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Frank E. Moore, Acting Manager, State College Station, Fargo, N. Dak.; W. W. Blain, Secretary, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING

The attention of **THE AMERICAN TURKEY JOURNAL** has been called to some advertising practices being followed by some breeders, who are promoting the broad-breasted turkey, which are very misleading, to phrase it as mildly as possible. One such instance called to our attention took place at a fair this summer where a broad-breasted producer advertised his stock by using a greatly enlarged photograph of the worst looking Bronze he could find and labeled it "Standard Turkey." Alongside this turkey monstrosity he displayed another large photograph of a good Standard Bronze which apparently had been crudely retouched to give some semblance of the contours of the broad-breasted turkey and this was labeled "Broad-Breasted Bronze."

Whether he realizes it or not, this grower is running close to a violation of already-established Fair Trade laws governing the use of false and misleading advertising methods.

No turkey grower should condone such advertising methods nor even lend them the asset of buying anything on the strength of such tactics. We feel sure the Broad-Breasted breeders themselves will not applaud such methods and they should crack down on advertisers of this type at every opportunity because they reflect on the entire industry and on their own group particularly.

It is a pretty safe bet that any grower, whatever his breed, who indulges in misleading advertising whether at fairs, or in the poultry magazines, cannot and will not deal with his customer on any more ethical grounds than his advertising implies.

Glaser Joins Salsbury

A further addition to the editorial staff of Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories, Charles City, Iowa, is Emil G. Glaser, formerly Western Field Editor of the *American Poultry Journal* and Editor of *Waverly Trio*, and well known as a special writer for national farm and poultry magazines.

Mr. Glaser received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Nebraska in 1928. He specialized in poultry husbandry and agricultural journalism, and served as editor of the agricultural college magazine.

In his final year in the university Mr. Glaser won \$2,000 in an essay contest sponsored by the International Baby Chick Association on the theme, "Hatchery Chicks for Greater Profits." In recognition of his work as a student in agricultural journalism, he was made a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity.

While at the University of Nebraska, Mr. Glaser assisted in experimental research work in poultry nutrition and new methods of turkey production. He has had an active interest in turkey raising ever since, being especially interested in new methods of preparing and processing turkeys for consumption.

The addition of Mr. Glaser to Dr. Salsbury's staff is intended to help make available to the poultry reading public the wealth of practical information on disease prevention and control released constantly by the research staff of Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories.

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The statement is amply supported by winnings achieved in both live and dressed exhibits at leading turkey shows of the country. Their list of winnings in dressed bird exhibits at America's best shows have been most impressive. These include four Grand Champions and four Sweepstakes displays at the All-American Turkey Show since 1932, Grand Champion at the Northern States Turkey Show, December, 1939, and a creditable winning in the Dressed Division at the World's Poultry Congress, Cleveland, 1939.

While the Allen's have never specialized in breeding high class exhibition Bronze, they have the quality that has won many high placings for them at the All-American, the Northern States Turkey Show and at many smaller shows where competition has been keen, and this with birds of the same breeding which has won so well for them in dressed exhibits.

They are fully convinced there is no better "market type" than is to be found in the best of standard turkeys and have proved this to their satisfaction. The Allen farm is located about midway between Warren and Thief River Falls on fine roads, and many turkey breeders find a cordial welcome to their home and interest in their good Bronze turkeys.

All-American Officials Meet

At a meeting held at Grand Forks, N. Dak., October 24th, plans for the 18th annual All-American Turkey Show were outlined and from now on the various show committees will be working continuously until show time, which is the week of January 20th, 1941.

Manager Frank E. Moore, President Dyke Page, and Secretary W. W. Blain attended the meeting. Premium list for the All-American will be issued as a supplement to the December issue of THE AMERICAN TURKEY JOURNAL and will also be mailed separately to all past exhibitors.

As in the past, the 1941 All-American will introduce a number of new and important features which will be original to this show. New classes are also to be opened.

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Master Breeder's Award, Champion Young Hen of Show, Champion Black, Best Display Blacks, at 1938 All-American.

MRS. W. T. HALL

Route 1

DENTON, TEXAS

AMERICAN-ROYAL TURKEY CLUB NOTES

C. E. BIDLEMAN President
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LaCygne, Kansas
SADIE B. CALDWELL Sec'y-Treasurer
Broughton, Kansas
ODELL DYER Trophy Chairman

Ker-choo!; And thank God for the lowly lemon. I know nothing that brings relief, when having a cold, quite so quickly as a hot lemonade with a bit of soda.

What lovely fall weather we do have. The premium list for the big show is now out, and how pleasant it is to watch developments out in the flock, eyeing the best ones, of course, with the idea of crating them up for the Missouri State-American - Royal exhibit at Kansas City Nov. 9-15.

There will undoubtedly be a much larger exhibit this year than ever before. They will all be live birds, however, as it developed that it was impossible to secure floor space for a dressed exhibit at the show room, and any other plan we tried to work out proved to be too expensive.

You will notice the Broad Breasted turkeys will be there this year, and this will be one reason for extra large numbers on display. I've also heard from various other breeders who are planning to show this year for their first time. I know some others who, for years past, have been wanting to exhibit, but feared their turkeys weren't good enough, and so just haven't made a start at it. To these peoples we would like to mention our Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of this show two years ago were exhibited by breeders who had never before shown in a major event. So perhaps yours are better than you think. It goes without saying that if interested in exhibiting, you have carefully selected your breeders and carefully grown your flock over a period of years. So come along. We're anxious to have you.

We have this year a longer than usual list of worth while Special Premiums. Bussey Pen Products' offer come too late to be listed in the General premium list, but they're offering a Turkey Range Automatic Water Fountain for the Best Four Young Toms of the Show. I might add I've found this particular fountain to be a most desirable one.

The American Royal Turkey Club offers a rosette for Champion Bourbon Red and service-ware trophy for Best Display Broad Breasts, shown by a paid up club member.

But drawing to a hasty close, for I know you're already busy trying to get ready to start for Kansas City. It will be so nice to see you. Thanks to Mrs. Neil Armstrong for her 1940 Club dues.

SADIE B. CALDWELL, Sec'y.



Sadie B. Caldwell

NATIONAL BOURBON RED CLUB NOTES

CECIL LAUGHMAN President
MRS. H. Y. BUTTON Vice President
MRS. EMMA SNYDER Sec'y-Treasurer
Perrysburg, Ohio

This month's notes are due again. Time flies so fast. Soon we will be in the midst of marketing for the 1940 crop. Prices offered by the dealers, we hear, compare exactly with last season's at this date. Birds have done exceptionally well here. I think one gets the big kick of the year now with the birds at feeding time. One can always spot a prize winner here and there, and by glancing at the toe punches find out which pen produced the best type, plus plumage. So far, we haven't selected our next season's breeders but must do so soon. In our last month's notes we asked for news, also dues to the Club, and were disappointed to find we had only one reply.



Mrs. Emma Snyder

Mrs. George Timmons, Bolton, Ont., Canada, writes: "We enjoy Club notes very much. We have had a very trying season here. Just now we are all through with our harvesting but a lot of our neighbors have grain in the fields spoiling. The war has taken all the able-bodied men we used to have on the farms. Mr. Timmons and myself took off over 150 loads of different grains, and it is all in the barns. We have a stack outside of 20 loads of oats. We handled all of this crop ourselves besides raising 150 pure bred Government approved Bourbons.

"We have had a very successful turkey season so far. Last year we had no crops and had to buy all our feeds. This season the granaries will not hold all of the grain. What a change, but no price for anything. We trapped all our 20 hens last spring, and got some interesting results and learned a lot. We have the best flock of young stock we ever raised in the eight years of pure bred breeding. The trouble now with us Canadians here is we have to pay so much duty to get birds from the United States.

"We showed our Bourbons at the Canadian National Exhibition and won all the prizes on the best flock of birds ever seen in the A. O. V. class there. We won 4 firsts and 3 seconds. We are considering very seriously sending a few of our birds to the All-American Show this coming January."

Mrs. Timmons also states our Club member, Mrs. Wm. T. Wallace of Portage La Prairie, Ont., Canada, was very ill last spring and sold all but a few of her Bourbons. We hope she has fully recovered and will be able to raise her regular number for next season.

We want to thank Mrs. Timmons for her letter, as it was very welcome. Also we must say it arrived just 2 days too late for the last month's notes.

MRS. EMMA SNYDER.

NARRAGANSETT CLUB NOTES

A. C. Payne, President - - Towner, N. Dak.
Mrs. Wm. Eddle, Vice Pres., Northwood, N. D.
Mrs. Ole Nelson, Sec'y-Treas., Kensington, Minn.

In another two weeks time the Thanksgiving market will be open and we will soon know what compensation we can expect in return for our season's work. If you have not already done so now is the opportunity time to be picking out next year's breeding flock. If you wish you may have an A.P.A. judge do this for you. But this is a very busy season for these judges so it is best to get in contact with them early to make sure you can get one whenever you are ready to have this work done. It really pays to have your flock A.P.A. inspected whether you wish to sell breeders or if you only want the best breeders picked out for your own use.



Mrs. Ole C. Nelson

Mr. Aldrous, of Sauk Centre, Minn., who is the Dr. Salsbury representative in this territory, was in this vicinity one day last week so he stopped in at our place intending to pay up his dues for the coming year, but I didn't happen to be at home that day.

We received a letter from C. J. Landberg, of Minneapolis, Sterling feed representative, the other day. And was sorry to hear Mr. Landberg has been sick since July 6. On that day he suffered a heart attack which proved to be quite serious. He stated he had been up and around for about 3 weeks at the time he wrote and he expected to be back at work in about thirty days. We sincerely hope that Mr. Landberg will continue to improve as I am sure he is anxious to be back at his work again.

At the annual meeting of the American Poultry Association, it was decided that the A.P.A. would endeavor to work hand in hand with each breed club in order that each club may obtain the changes that it desires in the Standard of Perfection. So if any of our Narragansett breeders feel we need to change our present standard, let us hear from you in order that the matter may be taken up and voted on at our annual meeting which is held at the All-American Show at Grand Forks, N. Dak.

We hear and read so much about the over-size, broad breasted turkey and of the great number of big turkeys now in cold storage, why wouldn't it be a good time for all Narragansett breeders to make it a point to advertise their turkey as a "family size" turkey, which it truly is. If we would all do that we could soon have consumers asking for Narragansetts, "the family size" turkey. Let's try it.

MRS. OLE C. NELSON, Sec'y.

Be sure and give your breeding stock plenty of good feed through the winter. It builds them up from their loss in weight of the previous season and puts them in shape for the coming one.

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Marcus, Iowa

ALL-AMERICAN BRONZE TURKEY CLUB

Axel Hanson, President - - - Minneapolis
Mrs. W. J. Janda, Sec'y - St. Hilaire, Minn.

Another month has passed without news from members, so I will just have to write about Robert's 4-H club turkeys. Of course they are



Mrs. W. J. Janda

Standard bred Bronze. He purchased twenty - five day-old poults from one of the best flocks of Standard Bronze turkeys in our state. The poults were ordered for May 12th delivery and they arrived on that day. After keeping them in an electric brooder for ten days (weather was cold) they were transferred to a feather brooder until 3 weeks of age, after which they commenced to roost and were placed in a small brooder house without heat. Robert fed them

moistened starter and growing mash, plenty of greens, and early this fall he added whole grains to their ration.

Now at the age of five months, the toms average twenty pounds and the hens twelve. They are a beautiful lot. They are so uniform in size and coloring, and look as if they have been molded in the same mold. They are highly bronzed in all sections with the purest white edgings and their feathers are so wide and compact, giving the birds a smooth, groomed look. They are such a peppy and vigorous lot, with deep, wide bodies, short straight legs, alert eyes, healthy appearing and well formed heads, and, last but not least, wide meaty breasts. It is a great pleasure to work with such lovely birds and after examining them thoroughly you wonder why there is so much ado about two classes of Bronze. A well bred Standard Bronze turkey has everything that a good breeding and market turkey should have, namely good body type and bone conformation, deep wide bodies, straight breast bone, wide meaty breasts, medium short, straight legs, bright intelligent eyes, well formed heads, plenty of pep and good bronze colored feathers.

It is true that you cannot eat feathers, but the feathers are of importance. They tell you the true story of your bird. A highly colored bird tells you that there is good breeding back of it. Large wide feathers show a thrifty bird. Whereas narrow, loose, dull colored feathers show that at some time during the life of the birds something has been amiss, either poor breeding, sickness or improper feeding, which would make the bird unfit for a breeder.

It has been demonstrated in so many flocks that you can have standard bronze colored birds with just as wide breasts as the broad breasted turkeys. So why not breed color on the broad breasted turkeys and have our one Standard Bronze Turkey. It can be done and is being done by many of our Bronze breeders. A maverick in a herd of well bred cattle is not considered as valuable as a standard colored animal although the breeding is the same and it produces as much as the standard colored animal. We each strive to raise our chosen breeds true to color, type and marketing value. If we

didn't have a standard to go by, turkey raising would be a dull occupation. I hope that our Bronze breeders will stay by our breed and there is no reason why we can't still raise our Bronze true to breed and still make money with them as we have in the past.

Do send in news for next month, also dues.
MRS. W. J. JANDA, Sec'y.

North Dakota Turkey Improvement Association

By MRS. A. C. PAYNE, Sec'y - Towner, N. D.

We surely have enjoyed many pleasant visits from turkey fanciers this month. Many have been actual breeders while others have been interested in the turkey industry.

Mrs. Frank Zimmerman while here paid her dues and Journal subscription. She reports her turkeys coming fine.

Herbie and Orwin Olson and Mr. Howe of Bergen also stopped on their way by to see the Narragansetts. Herbie says he has more turkeys this year than last but they are later hatched. Orwin had hard luck with his Bourbons but is looking forward to better luck next year. Orwin however says they have plenty to keep them busy as their baby girl, Beverly Jean, is only three months old. Congratulations, Orwin, I know these little fellows are great time killers but a lot of pleasure as well.



Mrs. A. C. Payne

By this time you undoubtedly have your premium list for the State Show. I think it's grand and many worth while specials to strive for. However, a win at the State Show is honor enough without additional specials. Where the classes are as large as we have them here winnings at the top are really reward enough. I think we are very fortunate to have Judge P. M. Pierce of Denver, Colorado, coming here to judge the live birds and Judge Frank E. Moore of Fargo to Judge the dressed exhibit. Both these judges are nationally known, having judged in many of the leading shows over the United States.

The marketing season is here again. With the abundance of feed it seems no turkeys should be put on the market without being in prime condition.

Am sorry to report Mr. Stewart on the sick list again. At the time of this writing he is in the hospital but hope he is fully recovered before you read these notes.

Mrs. Lars Lovig has also been on the sick list during the past month. She spent several days at the hospital but is able to be home again now. Am sorry to note her illness is making it necessary for her to give up some of her work. At the last meeting of the Show Board she served notice that she is resigning her position as president of the Show Board to be effective in December. Mrs. Lovig has been president of the State Show since its organization.

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Am wondering if you have all sent in your dues to the Narragansett, Bronze and White Holland Club secretaries. You know if we want trophies or ribbons our members must be paid up for the year.

MRS. A. C. PAYNE, Sec'y.

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Mrs. Rayner

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Not many letters last month; I guess everyone has been busy getting ready for winter, and market time. Please pen us a line about your turkeys for next month's notes.

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